

# **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

## **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, August 4, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 4, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Detroit, Michigan 48226.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley  
Megan Norris  
Willie Hampton  
Arthur Blackwell II (**ABS**)

#### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella Bully-Cummings  
Sgt. Romel Alexander  
P.O. Michael Woody

#### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Walters

### **RECORDERS**

John Schikora  
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

**Comm. Ramirez** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated that she wanted to mention the Mexican Festival at Fort Wayne and to tell the Chief there were no incidents. She was very pleased with the Detroit Police Department and the Wayne County Sheriffs. She stated it was a "very, very great event", and said "where was the media on this one". She stated she appreciated the Police Department for being there.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated that she wanted to mention IMPACT, a program that involves the community, law enforcement agencies and businesses. The community and the businesses bring solutions to help build better relationships with the law enforcement agencies. She stated that they also are trying to form a relationship with the Dearborn Police Department. She stated along with the law enforcement agencies, they currently have a basketball tournament that started last weekend. The championship game will be held this Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, and will be broadcast by Comcast. The sponsors are Comcast, AAA of Michigan, WJLB and ArvinMeritor. She stated that the Chief will be there and invited everyone that is present to come.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

• **Thursday, July 21, 2005**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Norris** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

• **Thursday, July 28, 2005**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Norris** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

#### 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

##### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	43	899
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	41	979

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 18 cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 3 cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned 36 cases to OCI.

#### 5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

## DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*REPORT TO THE*  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

*Vision Statement*

**BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.**

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the

joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

### SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

## THE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND CONSPIRACY UNITS

During the period of July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>, the Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Units conducted 39 search warrants and 25 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 45 Felony arrests
  - ◆ 85 Misdemeanor arrests
  - ◆ 7,177.7 Grams of cocaine, 126.2 grams of heroin, 14,958.3 grams of marijuana and 88 pills - street value \$3,158,953.00
  - ◆ \$.00 U.S. currency
- Confiscated:
- ◆ 18 Hand guns
  - ◆ 7 Vehicles

## HOMICIDE SECTION

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, officers from the Homicide Section responded to the 2200 block of Deacon on a “Woman Shot” run. An investigation revealed that a man came home and began arguing with a woman who was the mother of his three children. During the argument the man went into his room and armed himself with a small handgun and when he came back out he shot the woman at close range. The woman sustained a single gunshot wound to the head, ultimately killing her. [As a result of an investigation the man was arrested without incident for “Murder- First Degree” and “Felony Firearm.”](#)

## THE VIOLENT CRIMES TASK FORCE

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, officers from the Violent Crimes Task Force responded to the area of Townsend and Goethe on a “Triple Shooting, One Fatal and Two Non-Fatal” run. An investigation revealed the identity of the man wanted for the shooting. [The Violent Crimes Task Force setup stationary surveillance on a home in the 2400 block of Parker. Subsequent to an investigation the man was arrested without incident.](#)



**Police/Community Intervention**

## TAKING THE GUNS OFF THE STREET !



Total Guns Confiscated  
Year-To-Date  
2,322

### FIRST PRECINCT

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct responded to Clifford and Henry on a "Woman with a Knife" run. As a result of an investigation one (1) woman was arrested without incident for "Felonious Assault." Confiscated was one kitchen knife.

### SECOND PRECINCT

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct responded to the 15000 block of Cruse St. on a "Investigate the Suspected Marijuana Plants Growing and Cultivating" run. An investigation revealed that twenty two (22) three foot tall marijuana plants were being

grown at this location. Subsequent to this investigation one (1) man and two (2) women were arrested for "Violation of Controlled Substance Act." Confiscated were all twenty two (22) of the plants totaling 11,000 grams of marijuana with a street value of \$44,000.00.

### THIRD PRECINCT

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct were on patrol in the 8100 block of W. Vernor, when a citizen flagged them down and stated he just observed a man break into the Cesar Chavez School. Subsequent to an investigation one (1) man was arrested for "Breaking and Entering - Business" and "Habitual 4<sup>th</sup> Offense."

### FIFTH PRECINCT

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct responded to the 5900 block of Mack on an "Armed Robbery Just Happened" run. An investigation revealed that while a woman

was attempting to leave a parking lot of a store, a man entered her vehicle armed with a gun demanding money. The woman complied, however, the man then ordered her to drive to a nearby ATM to withdraw more money from her account. Subsequent to an investigation one (1) man was arrested without incident for "Robbery / Armed – Citizen", "Carjacking" and "Felony Firearm."

## SIXTH PRECINCT

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, officers of the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct, while on patrol in the 20000 block of Plymouth, were flagged down by a citizen who indicated that an armed robbery just occurred at the gas station. Subsequent to an investigation and after a brief foot chase three (3) men were arrested for "Robbery / Armed – Business." Confiscated were two (2) handguns.

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Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

### **6. REQUEST TO ACCEPT DONATED VEHICLE**

The National Insurance Crime Bureau has offered to donate an automobile, to the Detroit Police Department's Auto Theft Unit. This vehicle will be utilized exclusively as a law enforcement "bait vehicle".

The National Insurance Crime Bureau will transfer title of the vehicle to the City of Detroit for one year. The agreement is renewable at the end of one year upon mutual agreement of both parties. **The cost to the City is one dollar (\$1.00).**

**MOTION:**        **Comm. Norris** made the motion to approve the above Donated Vehicle.

**SECOND:**       **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**           All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for this meeting.

### **8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, August 11, 2005 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Church Activity Center  
3451 Rivard  
Detroit, MI 48207

**9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**G.A. Walters** stated that we have to do something about the traffic in this City. People are driving like they are out of their minds. She stated the traffic on Gratiot Avenue is very dangerous. She almost got sideswiped by another vehicle and wanted everyone to be careful when they are driving. Secondly, she would like to talk about the word RESPECT. She stated sometimes the officers judge you from your appearance and they treat you like you are nothing and that needs to stop.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**